## EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

The Public Schools of Omaha. The public school system has long been the pride of Omaha. The management of the schools is in the hands of the board of education and a superintendent, The board consists of the following gentlemen; J. J. Points, president; Chas. Conover, secretary; W. E. Copeland, R S. Hall, Henry Livesey, Wm. Coburn, T. W. Blackburn, Herbert J. Davis and Eben K. Long. The superintendent is Mr. H. M. James, a gentleman of experience and ability as an educator, under whose di-rection the schools, during the past year, have made commendable and satisfactory

The prosperity which attended Omaha last year and the great increase exper-ienced in her population, have been sen-sibly felt by the school board, the members of which have left little undone to enable the schools under their charge, to made upon them. During last year six new school huildings were creeted first of these was a ten-room brick structure at the corner of Georgia and Wool worth avenues, which cost \$19,820.60. The next was a four-room brick addition to the Lake school at the corner of Nineteenth and Lake streets, which cost \$7,469. A brick boiler house was added to the high school, costing \$4,307.35. Besides there were the following frame structures: A two-room addition to the Long school, \$1,240; a two-room building at Omaha View, \$1,244; a one-room addition to the Lake school, \$600. For the new rooms of the board of education in the proposed city hall \$20,000 have been appropriated, making an expenditure during the year for constructive improve-ments of \$51,789.75. The scating capac-ity of these rooms is estimated at about

one thousand. Activity has also characterized the board in the purchase of sites for schools to be erected in the near future, as follows: Lot 5, block 1953, \$4,590; lot 9, block 12, Hanscom Place, \$1,950; lots 9, 10, 11 and 12, block 3, Hillside addition No. 2, \$4,550; lots-17, 18, 19 and 20, block 10, Omaha View, \$3,900, and the east half of lot 3, block 21, original town, \$5,500, making a total for land investment of

There are now sixteen schools in the city, and some of these have connected with them one and in some instances a couple of auxiliary schools, which make a showing of twenty-two city public buildings of instruction. Besides the additions above mentioned the Cass school has two rented rooms on California, near Nineteenth street; the Center also two rented rooms on South Thirteenth street; the Hartman three rooms in an adjoining frame building; the Izard, two rooms in a frame building in the neighborhood; the Jackson a supplementary structure of two rooms; the Pacific has a lease of four rooms, and the Pleasant street school also has two extra rented rooms, making a total of sixteen schools and twenty-two buildings, comprising 159 rooms and an estimated seating capacity of nearly 7,000 children. The amount of money expended last year for school buildings and other incidentals, exclusive of the money advanced for the board rooms, is \$43,747.59. The property now controlled by the school board in lands and buildings bas a valuation of \$750,000. 132 regular and five special teachers employed in the schools, the average pay of whom is \$73.84. Their names and schools are as follows:

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TEACHERS.

Homer P. Lewis, S. D. Boals,
Principal, Samentha R. Davis,
Alonzo N. Henshaw, Margaret R. Meintyre,
Mary E. Quackenbush, Villa B. Shiopey,
Francis E. Sheldon, Jonnie E. Keyser,
Ada M. Harris, Ducie A. Johnston,
Belle H. Lewis, Fannie A. Fannie A. Mondie L. Weichingen, J. H. Lewiston,
Fannie M. Wood,
GRAND A. LAND FIRMARY CHASSES. Fannie M. Wood,
GRAMS A I AND PRIMARY CLASSES,
Frances M. Briggs. Emma Wheatley,
Principal, Carcie M. Chapman,
Ima McCheane, Clara Soliesinger,
Lizzie A. McAluse, Alice V. Tipton.
Clara E. Elder,
CASS SCHOOL.

Grace H.Wilber, Nellie Bennett,
Nellie Bennett,
Nellie Bennett,
Enliy J. Robinson,
Lug E. Leeds,
Susie E. Eveleth,
Mary E. Simonds,
Ellie Reed,
School. Mary B. Simonds,

CASTRILIAR SCHOOL.

Mary B. Newton,

Allie Browner,

Principal,

Bertha Nagl,

Mary E. Kent, Ennie Eleock, Hortense Smith,

Hortense Smith,
CENTER SCHOOL,
Katherine M. Kean,
Jennie L. Redfield,
Ida K. Greenlee,
Jennie M. McKoon,
Principal,
Jennie M. McKoon,
Principal,
Fanny Batterfield,
Emma Newcomb,
Francipal,
Anna P. Truland,
M. Elizabeth Allen,
Principal,
Minnie R. Wilson,
Kate M. Stillwell,
Fannie B. Huribat,
Mary I. Buchanan,
Lizzie M. Elecok,
M. Elizabeth Allen,
M. Elizabeth Allen,
M. Elizabeth Allen,
Mary H. Lomax,
Mary H. Loway,
Mary H.

Eilen M. White,
Principal,
Bettie E. Road,
Mary W. Hay,
Mary L. Alter.

HARTMAN SCHOOL.
Emina J. Carney,
Jennie Roberts,
Mary A. Frazier,
Hattle Allen,
Mary E. Corson, Anna Foos, Principal.

Anna Foos, Principal.

Ida K. Wilson,
Georgie Valentine,
Zeia M. Wilson,
Cebella E. Schaller,
Emma R. Rice,
Stella M. Champlin,
Janua S. Dye
Emma D. Little
Camilla Elliott
Cassandra P. S
Nora O'Conno
Janua Sull.

Stacla Crowley,
Principal.

Emma Fitch, incipal. Sadie Bunker,
Munie S. Dye,
Emma D. Littlefield, Camilia Elliott, Anna L. Bloor, Cassandra P. Schaller, Nora O'Connor,

Stacia Crowley, Principal, Emma Whitmore.
Principal.
Maggie J. Latey,
Minnie D. Eyler,
Kate M. Buncher,
Artie D. Webb. Ida L. E. Fahrion, Kate M. Buncher, Irene Harris, Artie D. Webb, LEAVENWOUTH SCHOOL.

Minnie J. Wood, Ida L. Gemington, Principal, Sarah E. Brown, Agnes McDonaid, Jennie C. Salmon, Ida M. Johnson, Olive Hubbard, Ida K. Grunlee, LONG School.

Mary R. Lucas,
Olive Hubbard,
Sarah M. McCheane,
Principal.
Rene E. Hamiiton,
Sadio P. Pittman,
Earma E. Dixon,
Helen L. Wyckoff,
P. Cooper,
P. Lewis,
Ida K. Gran.
Hattie H. Jones,
Hattie S. Eddy,
Hubbar F. Issacson,
Earma E. Derkes,
Ada C. Jones,
Nora H. Lemon,
H. Ella Gordon,
L. Lewis, Helen L. Wyerou,
Clara F. Cooper,
Nancy L. Lewis,
School.

Maggie McCarthy, Lidu Shallenberger, Principal, Mary B. Goedman, Rose C. Eddy, Mary B. Goedman, Alice M. Harmon, Addie Gladstone, Mrs. E. G. Fowler, PLEASANT SCHOOL

Mary Fitch, Principal. Martha Parentt, Esther Jacobs, Carrie M. Hartley. STECIAL TRACHERS,
Penmanship and Drawing -- Kate M. Ball,
Vocal Music-- Lucia A. Rogers,
Calisthenies -- Henry Kummerow,
Manual Training School -- Albert M. Bumann,
Substitute Teacher -- Mattie A. Powell,

The school population as enumerated last April was 11,831, of which 5633 were males and 6,198 females. The number of children enrolled last year was, mates 3,326, females 3,542, total 5,868. It is estimated that this number has increased 10 per cent, making the present enrollment about 7,554. The average attendance last year was, males 2,263, females 2,487; total 4,700. The approximate attendance the past year is estimated at 5,170. The schools are supported by the following funds and income: taxes, \$54,879.65; liq-nor licenses, \$154,548.85; police court fines, \$13,293.10; state appropriation. 19,265.79; tuition and miscellaneous, balance from last year, All these form a grand an-1.961.43:

nual total of \$264,351.11.

Creighton College. This institution is now in a most pros-perous condition. It has advanced to the front as one of the most scientific of our educational establishments, and at the same time attained to distinction in its conduct of classes of a less ambitious aim. The faculty consists of the following gentlemen: Rev. M. P. Dowling, S. J., president, treasurer and prefect of studies; Rev. Jos. Rigge, S. J., professor of chemistry and director of the observatory; Rev. James J. O'Meara, S. J., pro-

fessor of the supplementary and fourth year classes; Mr. F. X. Mara, S. J., physics and third year; Mr. James Conahan, S. J., second year; Mr. James Meloy, S. J., first year; Mr. T. T. Downey, rudiments A; Mr. W. R. O'Shaugnessy, rudiments B; Mr. J. J. Donaher, S. J., teacher in various classes. The most noticeable improvement made in connection with the college is the addition to the observatory, which was erected two years ago. It is also of brick, and was built to afford the accommodation rendult to afford the accommodation rendered necessary by the enlarged ideas of the management of the college. The building has cost about \$1,000, while the instruments which have been placed, or rather will be used in it, have required n additional outlay of about \$4,000 more. The supply of instruments in the philosoand chemical departments has been increased by others valued at \$1,000, thus making the number even more complete than it has been since the open-ing of the institution. 'The number of students last year was 235, an increase over that of the preceding year.

St. Patrick's School. This school has been in existence for several years, in the church of the name given above, on Castellar, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets. Like all the other Catholic parochial educational institutions, its classes are taught by Sisters of Mercy, of whom there are The children number 125. months ago the school was enlarged by the addition of a building, which on Sunday is used as a church. This cost Sunday is used as a church. Thi in the neighborhood of \$2,500. chool is under the direction of Rev. John Jeannette.

St. Mary's School.

This is located in the convent of the above name on St. Mary's avenue near Twenty-first street. It is taught by the Sisters of Mercy and is considered a branen of St. Philomena's school. There are forty children in attendance, mainly little ones too small to attend the school on Ninth street, which is situated quite a distance from the neighborhood.

Holy Family School.

This consists of eight grades, taught by five Sisters of Mercy in the first story of the church of the Holy Family, cor-ner of Eighteenth and Izard streets. There are 250 children in attendance, of whom about eighty are boys. The studies are those taught ordinarily in the public schools, and are so constituted, for the boys, at least, that, after passing through the fourth grade, the pupil is qualified to enter the opening class of Creighton college. The sister acting as principal, is Sister Pierre. Mrs. Barkhard gives musical lessons to the children twice a week. Rev. R. A. Shaffel, S. J., is director of the school. This gentleman has already made arrangements for the crection of a branch school on the corner of Campbell and Decatur streets, for the accommodation of small children who reside in that vicinity. This will consist of two rooms, and cost about \$2,500. The ground has already been purchased and the building will be erected early in the spring.

St. Mary Magdalen's School.

This is a two-story frame structure sitrated in the rear of the church of the same name on Douglas street. It is under the direction of Rev. F. Glauber, pastor of the church. The teachers are five sisters of the religious order of the Precious Blood, the superioress of whom is Sister Matilda. The children are mainly of German parentage, though quite a number are of American descent, who attend to avail themselves of the advantage of an education in German, which is here enjoyed. The studies are conducted in both English and German. Only the rudimentary studies, however, are followed, with instruction in needle work for the girls and drawing for the boys. There are 200 children in the school, who are distributed among ten classes, two of which are treath in the first story of a building adversarial to the first s taught in the first story of a building ad- and Miss Nettie Richards. oining the school proper. Of this number eighty-five are boys and 115 girls.

St. Philomena's School. This school is situated in the four-story brick building immediately south of the Catholic cathedral, on Ninth street. It is under the direction of Rev. S. F. Carroll, and taught by four sisters of the order of Mercy. There are 205 children in attendance, eighty of whom are boys, and 125 girls. All the studies including book-keeping, peculiar to the public schools, are taught. When the boys have passed fractions, those of them who desire to continue their studies are expected to go

to Creighton college. Academy of the Sacred Heart.

This institution has one of the most beautiful educational buildings in the west. It is located immediately beyond the western limits of the city, a short distance south of Cuming street. It is under the direction of the ladies of the Sacred Heart, a religious order of the Catholic church, composed of women of superior retinement, education and experience as instructors. It is supplied with the most recent improvements in the way of educational appointments. The academy is intended exclusively for young ladies. There are eighty in attendance. The academy is in charge of Madame Dunn. During last year the im-provements made in the institution have been confined to perfecting interior arrangements, the expenditure therefor being \$3,000.

Bohemian School. This is intended mainly for Bohemian children who attend the public schools during the first five days of the week. sions are held only on Saturdays, in the Hartman school, and are taught by Mr. Dinebir. The intent is to enable the children of Bohemian parents to become acquainted with the mother tongue. The school has an attendance of fifty

St. Wenceslaus' School. There are fifty children in this school, a new frame structure, costing \$1,000, on South Fourteenth street. It is under the direction of Rev. F. Choka, pastor of

scholars.

the Bohemian church. Its classes are composed in the main of the children of Bohemian Catholies.

German Lutheran School. The classes of this school are held in the basement of the church of this denomination, No. 1005 South Twentieth street. There are about 150 children in attendance, the younger of whom are taught by Mr. Fred. Hackstedde, and the older by Mrs. Burlage. The school is in a prosperous condition, and under the supervision of the paster, Rev. J. E.

Brownell Halt.

The most notable improvement in the cause of education last year, was the erection of the Brownell hall on South Tenth street. The structure has a frontage of 200 feet and a width of 40 feet. It consists of a middle The structure building with two wings, one at either end, each being 100x40 feet. The mate-rials are brick and stone, and the style of architecture Old English with modern modifications. The building consists of a basement, sub-basement, three stories and an attic. At this writing the mid dle part and the north wing of the building are finished and occupied. The south wing will be finished next spring. The building will be heated by steam. The hall now accommodates fifty-eight boarding and about the same number of ing for boarding scholars is about 150. day scholars. The capacity of the buildbuilding thus far has cost \$64,000; \$15,000 more will be required to complete the south wing, while the furnishing of the structure has involved an outlay of \$12,000, thus raising the cost to date to about \$92,000. The building will be paid for before the whole of it is thrown open.

The money has been raised by subscription and the sale of the site of the old hall, which brought \$25,000. Omaha's have subscribed \$27,000, and others from abroad have aided in raising the remainder. The architect is F. M. Ellis, of this city. Next spring a chapel Ellis, of this city. Next spring a chapel of beautiful design will be creeted north of the hall by Mr. E. D. Sheldon, of Chicago, who has guaranteed to expend not less than \$15,000 in the construction

The faculty of the institution, which is under the auspices of the Episcopal church is as follows: Rev. R. Doherty, S. T. D., rector; Mrs. S. H. Windsor, lady principal; Miss K. T. Lyman, vice-principal; Miss Virginia Gilbert, rhetoric and literature; Miss Kennie May, instrumental music, Fannie B. Wall, preparatory department; Professor John Butler, instrumental music; Sig. Eliodoro de Campi, vocal music; Fraulein M. Seyer, German anu art; Miss Emily Nunley, matron.

Omaha Medical College. During the past year this college was Mason to the corner of Twelfth and Pacifie streets. This change with a number of other improvements made in the interior and surroundings cost \$3,000. It is now in its sixth year, and has thirty-five students. This number is an increase over that of any class heretofore in the institution. The aim of the college is to afford young men in the west the advantages of a thorough medical education, such as they would otherwise have to travel to the east to secure. Clinical teaching has always been a prominent feature of this school. St. Joseph's hospital, under the management of the sisters of St. Francis, has been secured by the college for clinical instruction. The visiting staff of physicians and surgeons are members of the college faculty, and the hospital is under their immediate medical and surgical control. Students are thus enabled to reap a large benefit from elinical instruction in al classes of medical and surgical cases. The faculty is as follows: J. C. Denise, dean; P. S. Leisenring, secretary; Victor H. Coffman, principles and practice of medicine; Joseph Neville, clinical surgery; P. S. Leisenring, obstetries; Jacob C. Denise, ophtholmology, otology and laryngology; Richard C. Moore, diseases of children; G. A. Peebles, gynweology; H. P. Mathewson, diseases of the mind; Donald Macrae, surgery; W. S. Gibbs, physiology; James Carter, materia med-ica and therapeutics; L. F. McKenna, elinical medicine; Ewing Joseph H. J. descriptive and surgical anatomy; H. J. descriptive and surgical anatomy; William clinical medicine; Ewing Brown, general Davis, medical jurisprudence; William F. Milroy, histology and pathology, and lecturer on hygiene; M. B. Croll, demonstrator of anatomy.

German-American School.

This was established several years ago, nder the auspices of many of the leading German citizens of Omaha. It is sit cated in Germania hall on the corner of Harney and Nineteenth streets. It has two classes, comprising about fifty children of both sexes, taught by Professor Hemple and Miss Dora Luge. The tuition ranges from \$5 to \$7 per quarter. The school is under the management of a committee from the German-American School association, the officers of which are as follows: Philip Andres, president: John Baumer, secretary: F. A. Speth-mann, financial secretary, and Herman Kassler, secretary. The executive committee consists of Louis Heimrod, Ernest Grube, and F. Brandeis. The school committee consists of F. A. Spethmann, Louis Heimrod and Baumer, Recently the co-opera-tion of ladies has been secured by the establishment of what is known as the German Ladies School society, the president of whom is Miss Luge, the treasurer, Miss Stella Rosewater, and the

Business Colleges. The Omaha Commercial college, con lucted by the Rohrbough brothers, is in a prosperous condition. It has made rapid strides during the past year and has taken high rank.

The Omaha Business coilege, Prof. G. R. Rathbun, proprietor, is well equipped with everything necessary for a complete business education. It has a faculty of experienced instructors in the various branches of commercial business.

Shorthand Institutes. Messrs. Potter & Megeath have estab lished a successful school for this most useful art. They have a large number of

students. The shorthand school of C. C. Valentine aims to give a complete course of instruction in phonography. He has in the neighborhood of forty students.

Chautauqua Circle.

A thriving Chantauqua Literary and Scientific circle is in existence in Omaha. It was organized in 1882 and during that time over 200 students have taken advantage of its valuable course of instruc-The meetings are held fortnightly on Fridays, at the residences of some of the members. Occasionally the regular assembly place is the board of education rooms, corner of Capitol avenue and Six teenth streets. The present officers are H. F. Bundy, president; Miss Retta Reed vice-president; Miss Mary Fitch, secretary; C. F. Harrison, treasurer, Nebraska has a very progressive state organization of which the Rev. E. A. Dunning, or Boston, is president; T. H. Leavitt of Lincoln, Nebraska, vice-president; Miss M. Merrill of Crete, Nebraska, sec retary; George A. Joplin of Omaha, There are state organizer. circles in the state and the erat assembly grounds, consisting of 107 acres, are beautifully located at Crete, on the banks of the Blue river.

Deaf and Dumb Institute.

This last year has been one of consid erable activity and improvement for the Nebraska Deaf and Dumb institute, near his city. It has had a larger attendance than ever before, the number of the children now at the school being 144, of whom eighty one are boys. The building has undergone some repairs, while a number of needed improvements have been made in the immediate vicinity. Among these is a three-story brick cottage which used as a dwelling place for some of the teachers and the smaller children. The laundry has been improved by the introduction of \$1,100 worth of new machinery An electric light plant has been introduced. A stand pipe, 100 feet high and six feet in diameter, has been erected, through which water is forced from a new well 310 feet in depth, from which an adequate supply of water for fite, as well as other uses, may be ob-tained. Besides these, a small smoke stack seventy-live feet in height has been built and the grounds been supplied with useful and durable sewers. The cost of all these improvements has been \$17,000, The expense of running the institute for last year was \$24,000. Besides teaching the children the science of holding slient conversation by means of the lingers, the course of the institute comprehend oral and aural instruction, together with the trades of machinist, carpenter, printer, wood engraving and carving for the boys, and sewing, dressmaking and home work for the girls. There is besides a department of art, in which about sixty children are taught drawing and crayon work. The course of the institute comprises seven yeass, at the expiration of which nearly all the children are as capable of helping themselves in making a living as youths who are not afflicted with the loss of two senses when they leave school. The age of the scholars

tute, the salary of whom ranges from \$400 to \$1,300 per year. The faculty comprises the following: Prof. J. A. Gillespie, superintendent; J. A. McClure, F. L. Reid, H. C. Hammond and Miss tucy Gutrick, all of the sign classes, Miss O. T. Plumb and Mr. W. E. Taylor, of the oral and aural classes. Miss M. L. Divine, art. Mrs. J. A. Gillespie, matron Dr. J. C. Denise, physician; S. F. Buck ley, foreman of the printing office, F. E. Maynard, foreman of the carpenter shop, J. S. Woodburn, clerk and supervisor; Jennie McCabe, seamstress and Mrs. A. Richards, nurse.

## LIBRARIES.

Omaha Public Library This library is now in the tenth year of its existence and its affairs having always been guarded by the directorship of the best citizens of Omaha, it has been made to practically and successfully fulfill the highest object for which it was founded. The present officers of the association are: Hon, James W. Savage, president: P. L. Perine, vice-president; Lewis S. Reed, secretary. Board of directors: William Wallace, P. L. Perine, Lewis S. Reed, James W. Savage, John T. Bell, Homer P. Lewis, Elizabeth E. Poppleton, Jules P. Metzer and Elijah Dunn. utive committee: Messrs, Perine, Wallace, Beil and Dunn. Book committee: Messrs, Lewis and Metzger and Miss Poppleton, Librarian: Miss Jessie Allan; assistant librarians, Miss Maggie O'Brien and Miss Blanche Allan. The library is located in the center of the city. The second story is devoted to library purposes proper, and the third story is used as a reading room. It is understood that when the new city hall is built ample quarters will be set aside for the library. The whole number of volumes on hand July 1, 1886, when the last annual report was made, was 14,237. Since that time some 500 volumes have been added as purchases of new publications of worth are constantly being made. These books comprise all branches of reading of the best and purest character. Like all other institutions of the kind, about eighty per cent of the books taken out during

rebinding.... 422,40 Periodicals... 348.00 Insurance... 60,00 Periodicals Insurance... 60,0 Building Acet -Hant..... \$1,200.00 Gus 273.12 Furniture and Improvements 294.17 1,867.85 Salary Acct - Librarian and assistants \$1,059.76 Janitor 182.50 Supply Acci-Printing, stationery and postage. \$218,72 ice, matches, 20.65 brooms, etc..... Cartage and mis-19.62 257,00 Total ....

ast year were works of fiction.

Book Account-Purchases....\$2,974.56

the fiscal year ending June 1, 1886, the maintenance of the library cost:

Grand total .. \$8,073.00 This expenditure is provided for by general tax, the levy being for the last four years, three-quarters of a mill on the taxable property in the city. As compared with other years the expenses have been as follows: Fract'al pt of year ending June 1, 1878 \$ 1,244

2,468-95 2,544-90 2,698-84

The number of books added during the last year were about 2,000, of which nearly 300 were gifts from the public departments at Washington. The daily average circulation during the year was 261, which is an increase of twenty-eight per cent over the previous year. The largest number of books issued on any one day was 595, March 6, 1886; the smallest number 65, January 8, 1886. March has proved to be the month in which the largest number of books is read. The percentage of books read during the year is: poetry and drama, 1.5; seience, 2.2; essays and miscellanies. 5.7; history, 4.2; voyages and travels, 3.4; biography, 2.2; prose, fletion, juveniles, 80.1. The receipts for the year were \$161.20 for fines; sale of funding lists, \$57.15; from subscriptions, \$8, making a tetal of \$526.35, an increase of twenty per cent over the previous year. The estimated daily attendance during the year was 135; the average daily attendance in the reading room was 275. It

was kept open 359 days. Visitors to book department during Visitors to reference department during Visitors to reading room during year...

Fourteen daily papers are received in the reading room, one semi-weekly and forty-seven weeklies; one fortnightly, one bi-monthly and twenty-three monthly magazines are also received. The rooms of the library and reading tepartment are neatly furnished, have excellent light, are well ventilated and heated and their dimensions are 44x88. This is another of the public institutions in which Omaha takes pride, that is steadily keeping progress with the ad vance of the city.

Omaha Law Library Association. This is a private association composed of about fifty members of the Douglas county bar, who pay all expenses of the purchase of books and other incidentals save the rental of the room, and heat and light, which are donated by the county. The library room is on the second floor of the court house, into which the books were removed May 1, 1885. They consist entirely of reports, 2,500 being now in the cases, and they are valued at \$1,700. Only members of the association are granted the privilege of using the books ind they are not allowed to take them from the library room, except to the court rooms, before referees or to judge's chambers. The officers are Hon. George B. Lake, president; Arthur Wakeley, secretary; W. W. Keysor, treasurer, and Mrs. C. E. Perkius, libra-

In addition to the foregoing all the educational institutions, secret and other societies in Omaha have libraries, and several private citizens have book collections of rare variety and value. Creighton college has between 7,000 and 10,000 volumes: Brownell hall, he Academy of the Sacred Heart, the Y M. C. A. have also fine collections. German-American school has now about 500 books and a reading room in which can be found all the German daily, weekly and monthly publications of worth in the country. It is intended to

Other Libraries.

during the present year and make many required additions to the rooms.

This association has been in existence in this city since a very early date, but the year 1886 has been a red letter period in its history. Members who previously were lukewarm in the work seemed to be aroused suddenly from their lethargy and became most active, and the result is a largely increased membership, more prominent and frequent religious revivals and the subscription of \$37,000 for a tine new building, which is to cost \$50,000 and be erected on the southwest corner of Sixteenth and Douglas streets. The ground site was purchased for \$25,000, There are now eight teachers in the insti-

building will be constructed after designs created by Mendelssohn & Laurie, of this city, and when completed will be fully the equal in beauty of any structure for similar purposes in this country. It will be 66x132 feet, of Flemish-Gothic design. The ground dimensions are 66x132; five stores and one grand granite entrance will the first story, fronting on Sixteenth street. The second floor will constreet. The second floor will con-tain the parlors, dining and serving rooms, reading room, library and secre-tary's office. On the third floor will be the gymnasium and a large hall 66 feet square. The latter will have a high ceiling, running into two stories. The over the gymnasium portion will be divided into small rooms for sleeping purposes. The association has a mem bership of over 400, divided into two classes-active and associate. The former consists of those who belong to evangelical church, and in their hands is the management of the association. Any young man of good moral character can become an associate mem-ber, and he is entitled to all the privileges of the association except that of holding office. A small fee of \$1 a year is charged and an additional \$1 for those who use the gymnasium. The officers of the association are: P. C. Himebaugh, president, J. L. Kennedy, vice president; president; J. L. Kennedy, vice president, C. F. Harrison, treasurer; C. E. Reynolds, recording secretary; George A. Joplin, corresponding and general secretary; J. E. Ensign, linaucial secretary. The building committee consists of: Leavitt Burnham, chairman; O. F. Davis, treasurer; William Fleming, Dr. P. S. Leisenring and P. C. Himebaugh. There is also a board of fifteen directors. work of the association is divided into four departments, religious, social, physical and mental. To the mental department belong the free reading room, where can be found 100 leading daily and weekly papers, and library which contains over 1,000 volumes of choice read ing matter. The average daily attendance in the reading room is now 150. All visitors are made comfortable, and young men who are without money are furnished writing material free of charge for correspondence, and such other aid as they prove themselves deserving of. Debates, educational instruction, lectures and musical and literary entertainments are held from time to time. The association is now located in the upper story of Williams' block. Five rooms are occupied, consisting of a meeting hall that will seat 400, a commodious reading room; adjoining this is the recep-tion parlor, and across the hall two rooms for offices. George A. Joplin, general secretary, has full charge and his success since coming to Omaha proves hum to be one of the most faithful and active workers in the Christian cause.

W. C. T. U.

This worthy institution has been established in Omaha almost since the birth of the city and has done notably good As is well known its real object s the reformation of the drunkard, but the wonderful growth of this city having exceeded the capacity of the hospitals and other charitable institutions for caring for the sick, maimed and needy, the W. C. T. U. assumed part of the work. This was principally brought to the attention of the public when the Buckingham heater, on Twelfth street, between Douglas and Dodge, (for years a dangerous and decidedly unsavory resort) was raised from the slums and devoted to Christian uses, in June, 1885. The main hall is devoted to gospel purposes, adjoining this on the north is the W. C. T. U. restaurant and overhead are nine lodging rooms. Here meals are served to regular paying boarders, a great many given to 'hose who cannot pay, and food and clothing sent out to

worthy poor in the city.

The officers of the W. C. T. U. are:
Mrs. John T. Bell, president; Mrs. H. O.
Crane, vice-president; Mrs. G. W. Clark,
corresponding secretary; Mrs. Watson B.
Smith, recording secretary; Mrs. A. S.
Potter, treasurer; Mesdames Dr. O. Dinsmoor, O. S. Dodge, M. E. Gratton, Olive Leader and A. W. Phelps, trustees; Messrs, W. N. McCandlish, John Dale, R. C. Patterson, J. A. Sunderlin, and G. No city of the si A. Joplin, advisory board. Mrs. G. W. Clark has charge of the gospel work, Mrs. Olive Leader of the restaurant and lodging rooms, Mrs. A. P. Wood of the Chinese Sunday school, of which there is now a class of twenty-live, and Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Dr. Bryant and Mrs Olive Leader have charge of the jail work, which is visited twice a week, on Sunday for gospel work and on Wednesday for giving comfort and aid to the prisoners. Over 360 magazines and papers are distributed in the jail each week. Gospel meetings are held in the Buckingham on

Sundays and Tuesdays and THE REFORM CLUB meets on Saturdays. This organization has a membership of over 300. Its officers William Wade, president; A. J. Mills, secretary; J. O'Donoughue, treasurer and Charley Boyer chaplain. The latter is also the organizer of the temperance army among boys. He has now 3,000 in his command.

THE W. C. ASSOCIATION.

The Women's Christian association is one of Omaha's leading charit-able institutions, which has done great work during the year in assisting the poor, unfortunate, friendless and sick, Its membership comprises the most prominent ladies connected with the different churches of the city, and its support is entirely derived from the practical good will and dona-tions of the kind hearted. During the last year 473 persons, representing all classes of the female sex, from the little infant of a few days' existence to the great-grandmother, who passed through the sunshine and shadow of scores of years. The receipts during the year were \$1.028.61, the expenditures \$972.21. There is a balance of \$817.75 in the building fund. The following are the officers of the association: President, Mrs. P. L. Perine; vice presidents, Mrs. J. J. McLain, Mrs. G. B. Knight, Mrs. Soute, Mrs. Jardine; re-cording secretary, Mrs. Judson II. Grous; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Dr. Moore; treasurer, Mrs. Dr. Luddington. The following trustees represent the various courches of the city: First M. E. church Mrs McLain and Mrs. R. D. Hills; First Presbyterian, Mrs. Perine, Mrs. Parrotte and Mrs. James: Lutheran, Mrs. Elliott. Mrs. Jardine, Mrs. E. B. Wood and Mrs Rowe; Congregational, Mrs. G. B. Knight, Mrs. W. J. Welshans, Mrs. A. Roberts, Mrs. J. H. Grous; United Presbyterian, Mrs. John L. McCague; North Presbyterian, Mrs. Soule; St. Barnsbas, Mrs.; Dr. Moore and Mrs. Gilmore; Seward Street M. E. Mrs. Boker; Baptist, Mrs.

HOSPITALS. St. Joseph's.

This is the largest, oldest, and up to increase the number of volumes by 1.000 May 1886, was the only home for the maimed and sick in Omaha. It was established in 1869 by the Sisters of Mercy, whose real object in coming to Omaha was mainly for educational purposes. On the 17th of April, 1880, three sisters of the order of St. Francis, headed by Sister Alphonso, now head of the order in the west, with headquarters at Lafayette, Ind., took charge. The growth of the city and accompanying increase of sickness and accidents soon forced a large addition to the building, which is now a commodius frame structure containing five wards for men, one for women, eight private rooms, dispensary, operating room, parlors and all necessary apart-ments for an institution of the kind. The basement is devoted to heating, laundry, kitchen, duning and the household require-

been offered \$50,000 for it. The new never been large enough to accommodate the applicants for admission, and steps are now being taken to secure a better site and a far larger building. There are now twenty-live sisters in charge, Sister Hellweg being superioress. The number is not sufficient for the work on hand. The average number of patients in the hospital daily during the year was 87 over the full capacity of the building. Over 800 patients have been treated dur ing the year, which is 200 more than in 1885. In addition to the regular hospital attention given to inmates, pre-scriptions are given without charge daily to poor people. No one is refused ad-mission to St. Joseph's hospital on ac-count of religious belief, race, color, or sex, and any patient is allowed the attention of any minister of any denomination nation he or she may desire. majority are unable to pay and the hos-pital may be said to be mainly supported pital may be said to be mainly supported by charity. The medical staff consists of Drs. Neville, Grossman and McKenna, regularly in charge of wards; Drs. Bryant and Denise for the regular treat-ment of the eye and ear; Drs. Gaibraith and Hoffman in charge of Union Pacific patients; Dr. Mercor in charge of B. & M. patients, and Dr. Rosewater in charge of the sick and injured complexes of the of the sick and injured employes of the Omaha smelting works.

Childs' Hospital. This institution was established four years ago, under the auspices of the Episcopal church, as a hospital and home for children. On the 1st of May 1886, it was made solely a hospital to which sick and injured persons of al nges, beliefs, races, etc., are received free if they have no money, a small weekly payment being, required if the patient can pay. Mrs. Frances A. Moore was then called from Boston to take charge and she is now matron with two assistants. Mrs. Moore is a graduate of the Boston Training School for Nurses and subsequently passed eight years in practical hospital work in the best home the sick in Massachusetts, May 100 patients have been treated and at present there are 13 patients. tions are annually taken up in all the Episcopal churches of this diocese for the support of the institution. The officers are Mrs. R. H. Clarkson. officers are Mrs. R. H. Clarkson, manager; Mrs. A. J. Poppleton, secretary and treasurer; Mesdames S. D. Bangs, Herman Kountze, C. H. Frederick, J. M. Woolworth and S. S. Caldwell, directors; Mrs. Frances A. Moore, in charge; Drs. W. O. Bridges and John E. Summers, jr., attending physicians and surgeons; Dr. John E. Summers, U. S. A., consulting surgeon, and Dr. L. B. Graddy, oculist and aurist.

Proposed County Hospital.

There has been a crying need of a public hospital for the sick of Douglas county and Omaha for some time. ecially has this manifested itself since he return of the incurable insane from ie state asylum at Lincoln, and the fact that all the hospitals in the city are over-crowded, as well as the county poor house, where healthy and sick, sane and insane paupers are indiscriminately and unavoidably crowded together. year the county commissioners very wisely and humanely determined to asi permission of the people to sell lifty acres of the valuable county farm and devote the proceeds toward the construction of an hospital. At the November election the question was carried unanimously in the affirmative, and plans were advertised for at once, were presented by prominent architects in different parts of the country, designing buildings ranging in value from \$75,090 to \$300,000. The commissioners have not been able to make a selection and have determined not to do so until they have examined some of the leading hospitals of the east. The lifty acres of land cannot fail to bring less than will be commenced as soon as the built

OMAHA'S SANITARY CONDITION. No city of the size of Omaha in the United States is its equal in healthfulness, This is shown from national and comparative sanitary statistics, and for years the death rate of the city has been far below the average, according to its population. Since a practical system of sewerage has drains in the north and south parts of the city, the death rate in those locations has decreased over one half. The large amount of paving done on streets and alleys has rendered their cleanliness the more easily to be attended to, and although the board of health exists more in name than in actual work, Omaha will take no second place to any city in the country in cleanliness. This board consists of the mayor, president of the council, marshal and the city the council, marshal and the city physician, Dr. Leisenring, but what work has been done in the line of the board's duty has mainly been performed by the latter. The number of deaths since December, 1885, to December, 1886, is as follows:

December ..... March 42 September .... 52 October May .... 49 November ....

In 1885, from January to the close of the year, there were 580 deaths. In 1881, for the same period, the number of deaths was 604. This showing, considering the great increase of population last year marks 1886 as an exceedingly healthy year. The most unnearry are July and August, when the fatalities are principally among child-ren under live years of age. The first, second and sixth wards seem to be the locations which tend most to swell the death rate. This has been proved to be caused principally sewerage and the little attention paid to cleanliness of alleys, yards, etc. improvements have been made in these respects that the death rate has decreased

nearly one half. MARRIAGES AND BIRTHS. During the year from December 1, 1885, to December 1, 1886, there were 798 marriage licenses issued by the county indge For the same period the number of births per month was as follows:

compared with 745 births in 1885, and 948

THE ARMY.

The city of Omaha has been for nearly twenty years the military headquarters of the Department of the Platte, considered by our leading generals one of the most important of all the military departments in a stragetical point of view, being within easy supporting distance of the departments of Dakota, Missouri, Arizona, Columbia, and even the east.

The department at the present time is commanded by the renowned Indian fighter and the senior brigadier general of the army, General George Crook, who resumed command of the department last spring upon the promotion of Brigadier General O. O. Howard to the rank of major general. The following troops are now stationed

in the department: Light battery "D" Fifth artillery, Headquarters and ten troops of the

Ninth cavalry, The Second, Sixth, Seventh, Eignth, Tuersuse in 1886 ......

Seventeenth and Twenty-first regiments of infantry, and except the headquarters and two companies of the Sixth infantry, on duty at the Infantry and Cavalry school at Fort Leavenworth, are stationed

Fort Omaha, Nebraska, headquarte and ten companies Second infantry, Colonel Frank Wheaton, Second infantry,

commanding. Fort Niobrara, Nebraska, headquarters, six companies Eighth infantry and two troops Ninth cavalry, Colonel A. V. Kantz, Eighth infantry, commanding.

Fort Sidney, Nebraska, headquarters and four companies I wenty-first infantry,

Colonel H. A. Morrow, Twenty first infantry, commanding. Fort Robinson, Nebraska, three troops Ninth cavalry and two companies Eighth infantry, Lieutenant Colonel J. S. Bris-

Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming, headquarters and eight companies Seventeenth infantry, Colonel A. Chambers, Seventeenth infantry, commanding, Fort Douglas, Utah, light battery "D," Fifth artiflery, and eight companies Sixth infantry (company "K" stationed in Salt Lake City), Lieutenant Colonel N. W.

Ninth cavalry, commanding,

Osborn, Sixth infantry, commanding. Fort Bridger, Wyoming, one company Seventeenth and two companies lighth infantry, Lieutenant Colonel J. S. Poland, Twenty-first infantry, commanding. Fort du Chesne, Utah, two troops Ninth cavalry and four companies Twenty-first infantry, Colonel Edward Hatch,

Sinth cavalry, commanding. Fort Laramic, Wyoming, headquarters and four companies Seventh infantry, Colonel H. C. Merriam, Seventh infantry, commandin

Fort McKinney, Wyoming, headquarters, two troops Ninth cavalry and two companies Seventh infantry, Colonei E. Hatch, Ninth cavairy, commanding. Fort Washakie, Wyoming, one troop Ninth cavalry and two companies Sev-enth infantry, Major A. T. Smith, Seventh infantry, communiting. Camp Medicine Butte, Wyoming, com-

pany "B," Seventeenth infantry, Captain . II. Green, Seventeenth infantry, commanding.

Camp Pilot Butte, Wyaming, two companies Seventh infantry, Captain T. S.

Kirtland, Seventh infantry, commanding. The troops are well supplied by the staff departments and but very little fault can be found by the enlisted men as regards food, clothing, etc. At most of the posts very fine target ranges have been built and great interest in target firing has been taken both by the officers and men. No range being available at Fort Omaha, a splendid range for the department and the fort was located at Bellevue, about ten miles from the city, and it is expected that for the target year of 1887, the division of the Missouri contest, consisting of the departments of Dakota, Missouri, Texas and the Platte. will take place at this range. If so it is expected that over 1,000 sharpshooters and marksmen will go into camp. The headquarters of the Department of

the Platte is located in the Strang building corner of Tenth and Farnam streets, The following is a list of the department officers: General George Crook, commanding.

Personal staff; Second Lieutenant L. W. V. Kennon, Sixth infantry, A. D. C., and acting engineer officer. Department staff; General Samuel Breck, astistant adju-

tant general, chief of staff.
Major R. H. Hall. Twenty-second infantry, acting inspector general General G. B. Dandy, chief quartermaster. General J. P. Hawkins, chief commis-

Colonel T. A. McParlin, medical director.
Major C. M. Terrell, chief paymaster. Captain J. S. Starring, chief ordinance officer (Cheyenne, Wyoming). Colonel G. V. Henry, Ninth cavalry,

inspector of rifle practice and acting judge advocate. E. J. Davis, chief clerk, assistand adjutant general's office.

The quartermaster's depot and co missary store house is situated in the

southwestern part of the city, and is a very substantial and tire proof building. Captain C. A. H. McCauley, assistant quartermaster United States army, is the issistant to General Dandy, and is also charged with the adjusting and settling the telegraph accounts of the department.

Captain C. F. Humphrey, A. Q. M., depot quartermaster, Cheyenne, Wyom-

Captain J. L. Clem, A. Q. M., depot quartermaster, Ogden, Utah. First Lieutenant C. St. J. Chubb, Seventeenth infantry, purchasing and depot commissary of subsistence, Cheyenne,

Wyoreing, Major T. H. Stanton, paymaster, Sait Lake City, Utah. Major C. I. Wilson, paymaster, Omaha,

Nebraska. Major W. E. Creary, paymaster, Chevenne, Wyoming.
During the year the troops and supplies transported from the quartermaster's depot, Omaha to all points, were as fol-

Officers and men ..... | Officers and men | 308 | Horses and makes | 277 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 627 | 62

## INTERNAL REVENUE OFFICE.

The business territory covered by the internal revenue office located in Omaha is one of the largest, if not the largest, in extent of any in the United States. It embraces all of the state of Nebraska and the territory of Dakota. From Omaha come the largest receipts, greater than all the other points combined. The Willow Springs distillery is the targest source of revenue, followed by the rectifying houses of Her & Co. and of Hinrichs & Frick, the three breweries of F. Krug, Fred Metz and Storz & Her; the weiss beer breweries of E. Engler, Fred Wagner and Pomy & Segelke. wholesale liquor houses also contribute to the revenue, with 177 retail liquor houses, twenty-eight eight manufactories, about 350 retail eight dealers, and under laws passed by the present congress a new source of revenue has been created in the matter of wholesale and retail dealers in oleomargarine, the former being required to pay a license of \$480 per year and the latter \$48. Three wholesale and nineteen retail dealers in oleomargarine have already paid the tax and commenced business here. The force employed in the Omaha revenue office is very small for the business to be done. The Hon. S. H. Calhoun, of Nebraska City, is now collector, having entered upon his duties November 1, as successor of the Hon. George W. Post, who held the office three years and seven months. H. A. Dond, of Omaha, who has been connected with the office many years, is still the efficient deputy collector, and I. D. Evans, also of Omaha, eashier. Exclusive of the col-lector, the Omaha office force is five; field force six; one stamp deputy at the distillery at Nebraska City, while the two distilleries in this district require seven store keepers and five gaugers. The amount and five gaugers. The amount of collections during 1886, with a very low estimate for December according to what has already been received last month, is as follows:

January \$150,462.05 July
February 145,202.03 August
March 125,502.12 September 1
April 157,105.44 October 1
May 180,681.25 November 20: 000 00 .. 152,300.50 December

Total in 1886